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SUBJ: CANADIAN INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEMS TO
USSR -IL 1485

REF: A) COCOM DOC (75)768
B) OECD PARIS 12329
C) COCOM DOCS (72)1316, (73)668 AND 2130

1) REF B CONTAINS NO INDICATION WHETHER CANADIAN DEL'S
QUESTION WAS RAISED IN COMMITTEE OR BILATERALLY. REPLY
ON A BILATERAL BASIS ONLY IS THAT US POLICY IS SET IN
TERMS OF THE ONLY THREE CASES THUS FAR PRESENTED (REF C)
TO COCOM IN WHICH STRATEGIC RISK IS MINIMIZED BY RESTRIC-
TION TO VERY LIMITED NUMBERS OF CAREFULLY SCREENED SYSTEMS
INSTALLED IN HIGHLY VISIBLE NON-BLOC AIRCRAFT INTENDED
FOR INTERNATIONAL USE. REFUSAL TO LITTON BY THE USG IN
JANUARY 1975 WAS BASED ON STANDING POLICY GUIDELINES.

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THEY REFLECT CONCERN IN PRINCIPLE THAT WITHOUT LIMITATION

ON THE NUMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEMS ENTERING THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN CONTROLS AGAINST POSSIBLE MISUSE. MOREOVER, US AGENCIES ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE IDEA OF FIRMS "SHOPPING" FOR COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THEY CAN OBTAIN EXPORT APPROVAL SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.

2) FOR COMMITTEE PURPOSES, DEL SHOULD STATE THAT US AUTHORITIES HAVE CONSIDERED RESTRICTING THE EXPORT OF INS SOLELY TO USE ON WESTERN AIRCRAFT TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SAFEGUARD CONCEPT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP THUS FAR. IT ESTABLISHES SELF-ENFORCING ASSURANCE AGAINST DIVERSION BY IMPOSING NUMERICAL AND COST RESTRAINTS WHICH PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT USE IN UPGRADING BLOC MILITARY CAPABILITIES. THE PRECEDENT OF PERMITTING RETROFIT OF WESTERN LTN 51 CLASS INS TO SOVIET OR OTHER COMMUNIST AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME RAISES THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPORT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF SYSTEMS THEREBY INCREASING THE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONTROL OF THE KIND SUMMARILY DESCRIBED IN (COCOM (73)298) THE CONCORDE CASE. INGERSOLL

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